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SUBJECT: EDP TECHNICAL SALES SEMINAR - REQUEST TO CONTRACT SPECIAL

ASSISTANCE

REF: JIDDA 418

- 1. BECAUSE OF IMPENDING ADDED OPERATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES FORESEEN FOR THIS POST DURING THE FIRST THREE WEEKS OF FEBRUARY, AND THE TEMPORARY DRAIN ON THE POST'S HUMAN RESOURCES, WE RECOMMEND THE HIRE OF AN EXCEPTIONALLY WELL QUALIFIED PERSON TO ASSIST WITH SUBJECT TSS. OUR VIEW OF THE SUBJECT INDICATES THAT, EVEN WITHOUT THE SPECIAL PROBLEM, THE PERSON WE HAVE FOUND CAN ADD IMMEASURABLY TO THE SUCCESS OF THE SALES SEMINAR.
- 2. PERSON WE INTEND TO HIRE TO PREPARE BLUE CHIP TARGET LISTS IS TAWFIC KANAFANI WHO HAS MASTERS DEGREE IN UNCLASSIFIED

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COMPUTER SCIENCE FROM LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY, 1975, AND WHO HAS BEEN EMPLOYED HERE IN THE FIELD UNTIL RECENTLY. HE HAS SET UP COMPUTER CONSULTANCY FIRM WITH SAUDI NATIONAL. KANAFANI'S MASTERS THESIS TITLE WAS "PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF DATA PROCESSING INSTALLATION IN JIDDA, SAUDI ARABIA." HE HAS NO PROBLEM WITH TECHNICAL LANGUAGE. MR. KANAFANI HAS ALREADY BEGUN THE BLUE CHIP

TARGET LIST, WITHOUT COMMITMENT, WHICH WILL INCLUDE PRIVATE, GOVERNMENT AND PROJECT AGENCY ENTITIES CONSIDERED PRIME EDP PROSPECTS. HE IS PREPARED TO DEVOTE FULL TIME FROM NOW TILL END OF TSS FOR FEE OF \$2,000. CONSIDERING THAT WE WILL GET USE OF AUDITORIUM AT KING ABDUL AZIZ UNIVERSITY WITHOUT COST, WE URGE HIRE OF KANAFANI.

3. COST ESTIMEATE FOR TSS BROKEN DOWN AS FOLLOWS:

A. HOTEL

3 DOUBLES AT SR 310 PER DAY

1 SINGLE AT SR 258 PER DAY

DIRECTOR'S SUITE AT SR 575 PER DAY OR SR2775

TOATAL AGAINST COMMERCE BUDGET

(\$1.00 EQUALS SR3.525) TOTAL SR8710.-

B. PRINTING SPECIAL INVITATIONS (200) \$120.-

C. PRESS ADVERTISING - \$110 PER INSERTION

1 ARAB NEWSPAPER FOR 2 INSERTIONS \$220.-

1 ENGLISH " " 2 " \$220.-

595-) - \$440.-

D. LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

CAR HIRE WITH DRIVER (SR235 P/DAY)

3 CARS - SR705 P/DAY. 4 DAYS TOTAL SR2820.00

E. RECEPTION - 200 PERSONS \$600.-

F. ESTIMATED OVERTIME COSTS DURING

VISIT; OPERATOR FOR AUDIO-VISUAL EQUIPMENT

AND PHOTOGRAPHER \$1000.-

G. TRAVEL OF OFFICER TO KUWAIT TO PICK

UP AND DELIVER BROCHURES. SR471.-

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- 4. IF TEAM MEMBERS WISH TO GO TO RIYADH FOR ONE DAY TO MEET WITH KEY MINISTRY OFFICIALS AND RETURN SAME EVENING, ROUND TRIP TRAVEL IS ABOUT \$56.- PER PERSON.
- 5. NEW SUBJECT: ANY SLIP-UP IN RECEIPT OF BROCHURES NECESSITATING COPYING, TRANSLATING AND ASSEMBLING HERE WILL COST OVER \$1,000.- SINCE THE BROCHURES AND LITERAATURE FOR LAST THREE MISSIONS WERE LOST ENROUTE, POST INTENDS SEND OFFICER TO KUWAIT FOR PICKUP AND SAME DAY RETURN TO INSURE AGAINST LOSS.
- $6.\ \mbox{KUWAIT}.$ PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST WHEN 300 BROCHURES READY FOR PICKUP.
- 7. POST WOULD APPRECIATE USDOC REPLY TO REFTEL ASAP. PORTER

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